

## **Facts about the Conficker/Downadup worm**

- On August 8, 2006, Internet Security Systems (ISS) updated its intrusion prevention (IPS) product line to protect against attempts to exploit an underlying flaw in Windows.
- On October 23, 2008, Microsoft released a critical emergency patch for Windows to remove this underlying flaw.
- On November 21, 2008, Conficker was discovered on the Internet. It can only infect a system missing the new patch and that is not protected by the ISS IPS product line.
- On November 21, 2008, most major antivirus vendors updated their products to protect against Conficker. It was estimated that half a million computers had been infected.
- On November 26, 2008, at DHS's request, GTA asked all state agencies to update their antivirus products and conduct complete scans of all Windows systems.
- On January 26, 2009, 10,000,000 computers are infected with Conficker. Unfortunately, some belong to the State of Georgia.
- The 10,000,000 Conficker infections represent approximately 4 percent of infected systems worldwide.